CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

A Child's Prayer.

Thou that once on mother's knee,
Wert a little one like me,
When I wake or go to bed
Lay thy hands about my head;
Let me feel thee very near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior dear.

Be beside me in the light,
Close by me through all the night;
Make me gentle, kind and true,
Do what mother bids me do;
Help and cheer me when I fret,
And forgive when I forget.

Once wert thou in cradle laid,
Baby bright in manger shade,
With the oxen and the cows,
And the lambs outside the house;
Now thou art above the sky:
Canst thou hear a baby cry?

Thou art nearer when we pray,
Since thou art so far away;
Thou my little hymn wilt hear,
Jesus Christ, our Savior dear,
Thou that once, on mother's knee,
Wert a little one like me.

—*Francis Turner Palgrave.*

DEAR EDITOR: I have not written for the paper for a very long time. Miss Katie Hershberger gave me a box of paper for me to write to the paper, before I came to Dakota. My sister and I came to Dakota about four months ago, and on our way home from Louisville, Ohio, we visited at Ashland a few days. We enjoyed ourselves very much; and then we started for Dakota, and I visited at Barnes Co., a while, where we lived last summer, and then we came home. My aunt Mary Keim and uncle Jonas and my cousin Charley came here on a visit from Ohio.

I attend Sabbath school and church. Mr. J. H. Worst of the Brethren church and Mr. Wist, of the Congregational church, preach here.

SADIA KEIM.

Williamsport, Dakota.

DEAR EDITOR: I will try to write a letter for the paper. We have moved in town again. We have a very large Sunday school here. My teacher's name is Mrs. Ettie Rock. She is a very good teacher. Our school was out in the country, the 26th of August, and we had a very nice time. There is going to be a union Sunday school picnic not far from here, next Saturday and our school is invited, and we expect to have a nice time. I am ten years old the 20 of next month. I will close by asking a question: where is the longest chapter in the Bible. I hope this letter will escape the waste basket.

MARY SHOE.

Sherwood, Ohio.

DEAR EDITOR: I will try and write another letter for the Children's Column. I attend Sunday School every Sunday. We intend to have a celebration the 17th of September. Hope we will have a good time. My teacher's name is Miss Annie Rutter. I would like for R. F. Mallott and J. C. Ewing of South Bend, Ind., to come and hold us another good meeting like they did about one year ago. We have preaching every two weeks by Daniel Henricks. I wish Maud E. Rittgers from South Bend would write through the paper as we used to be schoolmates.

I will close by sending 10 cents for the Mission Fund.

CLARA L. ST. CLAIR.

Logan, Ohio.

DEAR EDITOR: I thought I would write a letter for the Children's Column, as there are not many letters from the children. We had a grand revival in Sherwood, from the first to the 11th of this month. Brother Mallott preached for us, in all nine sermons, had ten converts, two baptismal meetings and eight baptized. My sister Mary and I were two of them. She is ten years old and I am twelve years old. On the 8th we held communion meeting and Lord's supper. We had a children's meeting the 3rd. So the work of the Lord is moving along slowly in Sherwood. We have a very interesting Union S. S. I will close by answering a few questions: Katie Stutzman's; How long did the flood last upon the earth? 150 days. B. Anna Ream's, What king was driven from men and did eat grass like the oxen? Nebuchadnezzar. I hope this will escape the waste basket. I write so many letters I think you get tired of them, but I hope not. Written by

GEORGE SHOE.

Sherwood, Ohio.

The Riddle of the Sphinx.

The riddle of the Sphinx is at length on the point of being solved. The great man-headed, lion-bodied monument, which has for ages been more than half buried by the accumulating sands of the desert, is now being rapidly brought to light, and ere long one of the most extraordinary relics of Egyptian civilization will be once more visible in its entirety. The work has been going on ever since January last, when—at the suggestion of M. Maspero, the chief director of the department of antiquities in Egypt—the French public, in the course of a few hours, subscribed sufficient funds to enable the work of excavation to be carried to completion. The interest of such news for Egyptologists may be conceived, when it is remembered that the last time the Sphinx was dug out of the sands was by King Thothmes IV., fifteen centuries before Christ, or about 3,400 years ago. Scholars, in fact, are of opinion that the Sphinx the oldest monument in the world. It appears, in any case, to have been erected or chiselled out of the rock more than forty-five centuries before the Christian era, and therefore, about 6,400 years ago. The size of the strange image is very remarkable. The body is more than 180 feet long. The ears of the human shaped head are about six feet from top to bottom, the other features being in proportion. The learned explorers who are engaged in the work of excavation, hold it probable that when the statue is fully brought to light, a number of other important discoveries will be made. In any case, this extraordinary relic of the oldest human civilization cannot fail to form a more attractive sight than ever to all visitors to the land of the Nile.—*London Standard.*

Ancient Writing.

When the prophet Ezekiel was commanded to write about the city of Jerusalem, he was compelled to write his account on smooth *tiles*, and we find fragments of such tiles to this day. The heaps of broken pots and crockery which are so abundant in all Eastern towns, prove that bits of smooth stone or tiles were constantly used for this purpose. The Island of Elephantine, on the Nile, is said to have furnished more than a hundred such specimens. One of these is a soldier's leave of absence, scribbled on a fragment of an old vase. How little those scribes and accountants imagined the interest with which their descendants would one day treasure their rough notes!

Still quainter were the writing materials of the ancient Arabs, who, before the time of Mohammed, used to carve their annals on the shoulder-blades of sheep. The "sheep-chronicles" were strung together, and thus preserved. After a while sheep's bones were replaced by sheep's skin, and the manufacture of parchment was brought to such perfection as to place it among the refinements of art. We hear of vellums that were tinted yellow others white. Others were dyed a rich purple; and the writing thereon was golden ink, with gold borders and many-colored decorations. These precious manuscripts were anointed with the oil of cedar to preserve them from moths. We hear of one such in which the name of Mohammed is adorned with garlands of tulips and carnations painted in vivid colors.

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Marion	10 55	2 00	8 25	
Kenton	11 45	2 38	9 18	7 30
	am			
Lima	12 29	3 16	10 15	10 15
				pm
Decatur	1 47	4 24	11 46	2 25
			pm	
Huntington	2 43	5 12	12 50	6 15
				am
Huntington	2 48	5 18	1 05	4 30
Rochester	4 05	6 27	2 35	7 46
				pm
No. Judson	5 02		4 54	2 05
Crown Point	6 02		5 16	3 20
Hammond	6 30	8 28	5 40	4 30
Eglewood	7 00	9 00	6 15	5 50
Chicago	7 30	9 30	6 45	

EASTWARD.

STATIONS.		No 12 pm	No 8 pm	No 1 am	No 30 am
Chicago		7 45	4 20	8 30	
Englewood		8 15	4 50	9 00	4 35
Hammond		8 48	5 18	9 30	6 30
Crown Point		9 16	4 40	10 02	7 56
Koyts		9 54		10 50	9 47
No. Judson		10 20		11 25	10 55
					pm
Rochester		11 17	7 20	12 35	2 35
		am		pm	
Huntington	Ar.	12 45	8 30	2 15	6 30
					am
Huntington	Lv.	12 50	8 45	2 30	5 30
Decatur		1 47	9 35	3 30	8 35
					pm
Lima		3 08	10 40	5 11	2 05
Kenton		4 00	11 18	6 08	3 34
Marion	Ar.	4 45	12 07	7 00	6 10

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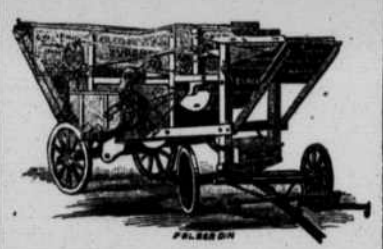

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9 45	9 45		Fremont		5 55	2 05
12 30	12 35pm	Arr	Lima	Lv	3 10	11 35
12 40	12 55	Lv		Arr	3 00	11 25pm
1 37am	1 51pm	Ar	St Mary	Lv	1 53	10 20
4 23	4 25		Muncie		11 35am	7 55
5 50	6 02		Tipton		10 00	6 02
7 49	8 04		LaFayette		8 00	3 42
10 02	10 15		Hoopeston		5 47	1 48
11 02	11 15		Paxton		4 47	12 40
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Wheeling	7 20 "	19 55 "	8 50 "	3 05pm
Bellaire	8 02 "	1033 "	9 35 "	3 45 "
Cambridge	9 30 "	2 24am	11 23 "	6 02 "
Zanesville	10 05 "	1 20 "	12 23pm	*5 55am
Newark	11 05 "	2 10 "	1 40 "	6 50 "
Ar. Columbus	11 55 "	*3 10 "	2 40 "	8 05 "
Cincinnati		7 30 "	6 50 "	1 220pm
Louisville		12 35pm	6 20am	6 30 "
St. Louis		6 40 "	7 45 "	
Mt. Vernon	11 45pm	4 27am	2 36pm	9 04am
Mansfield	12 46am	5 55 "	4 02 "	10 15 "
Shelby Jc.	1 07 "	6 23 "	4 27 "	10 41 "
Monroeville		7 30 "	5 37 "	11 37 "
Sandusky		8 55 "	6 35 "	12 15pm
Tiffin	2 12am	8 03 "	6 39 "	
Fostoria	2 31 "	8 20 "	7 28 "	
Deshler	3 11 "	9 15 "	8 33 "	
Defiance	3 48 "	10 05 "	9 39 "	
Auburn	4 44 "	11 30 "	11 08 "	2 10am
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